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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 DAVID ZAITZEFF,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 CITY OF SEATTLE, et al.,

14 Defendants.

CASE NO. C17-0184JLR

ORDER

15 Before the court is *pro se* Plaintiff David Zaitzeff's motion to modify court rules.  
16 (Mot. to Modify (Dkt. # 16).) Mr. Zaitzeff sued Defendants City of Seattle and Dan  
17 Satterberg and seeks injunctive relief permitting him to carry several weapons at  
18 upcoming street fairs in various Seattle neighborhoods. (*See* Am. Compl. (Dkt. # 5); PI  
19 Mot. (Dkt. # 14).) Since filing this lawsuit, Mr. Zaitzeff has attempted to communicate  
20 directly with officers of the Seattle Police Department regarding the subject of the  
21 lawsuit. (*See* Mot. to Modify at 5-7.) Counsel for Defendants objects to this mode of  
22 communication and instructed Mr. Zaitzeff that if he desires to communicate with

1 Defendants or their agents regarding the subject of this lawsuit, he must do so through  
2 counsel. (*Id.* at 8.) Mr. Zaitzeff requests that the court permit him to communicate  
3 directly with Defendants and their agents. (*See generally id.*)

4 Defendants are entitled to decline to communicate regarding the subject of this  
5 lawsuit except through counsel. (*See Mot. to Modify at 8.*) Mr. Zaitzeff provides no  
6 legal or factual ground that warrants ruling otherwise (*see generally id.*), and the court  
7 therefore DENIES his motion (Dkt. # 16).

8 Dated this <sup>th</sup> 25 day of April, 2017.

  
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United States District Judge  
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